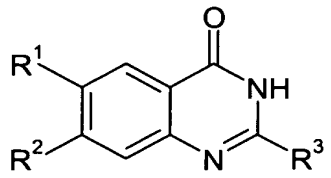
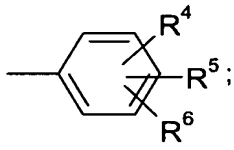
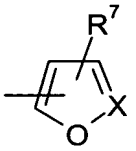
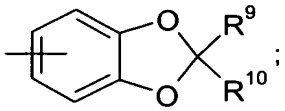
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (original) A quinazolinone of formula I



(I)

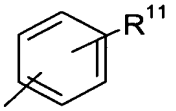
wherein

R^1 is hal;  ;  or  ;

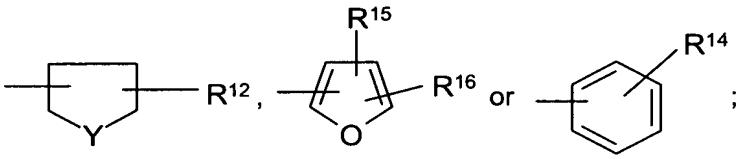
X is N or CR^8;

R^2 is hal; nitro; C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl; C_1-C_6alkyl or C_3-C_6cycloalkyl;

R^3 is C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxy or amino;

R^4 is H; hal; hydroxy; amino; C_1-C_6alkyl-amino, di(C_1-C_6alkyl)-amino, C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxy which is unsubstituted or mono-, di- or trisubstituted by halogen or hydroxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkyl; C_3-C_7cycloalkyl or C_3-C_7cycloalkylC_1-C_6alkoxy that may be substituted at the cycloalkyl residue by C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl; C_3-C_6alkenyloxy; (C_1-C_6alkyl)$_2$N-C_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfanyl; C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfanylC_1-C_6alkoxy,  or

-O-$[CH_2]_n$-A wherein A represents



Y represents O or NR^{13},

and n is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6;

R^5 and R^6, independently, are H; hal; C_1-C_6alkoxy; or C_1-C_6alkyl;

R^7 and R^8, independently, are H or C_1-C_6alkyl;

R^9 and R^{10}, independently, are H or hal;

R^{11} is H; hal; C_1-C_6alkoxy; or C_1-C_6alkyl;

R^{12} is H; hal; C_1-C_6alkoxy; or C_1-C_6alkyl;

R^{13} is H or C_1-C_6alkyl;

R^{14} is H; hal; C_1-C_6alkoxy; or C_1-C_6alkyl; and

R^{15} and R^{16}, independently, are H; hal; or C_1-C_6alkyl;

with the exception of the compound of formula I wherein R^1 and R^2 are both iodo or chloro and R^3 is methyl, and of the compound of formula I wherein R^1 and R^2 are both selected from fluoro and bromo and R^3 is butyl,

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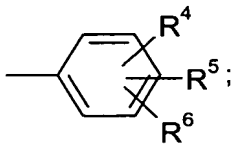
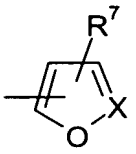
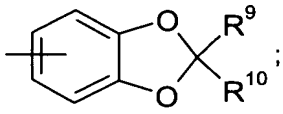
2. (original) A quinazolinone of formula I according to claim 1 wherein

R^1 is hal;  ;  or  ;

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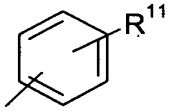
R^4 is H; hal; hydroxy; amino; C_1-C_6alkyl-amino, di(C_1-C_6alkyl)-amino, C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxy which is unsubstituted or mono-, di- or trisubstituted by halogen or hydroxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkyl; C_3-C_7cycloalkyl or C_3-C_7cycloalkylC_1-C_6alkoxy that may be substituted at the cycloalkyl residue by C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl; C_3-C_6alkenyloxy; (C_1-C_6alkyl)$_2$N-C_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfanyl; C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfanylC_1-C_6alkoxy,  or

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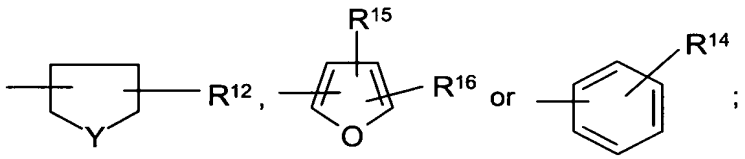

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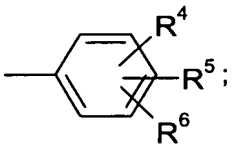
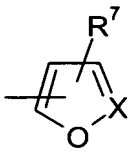
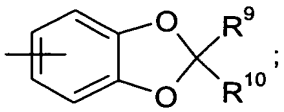
R^1 is hal;  ;  or  ;

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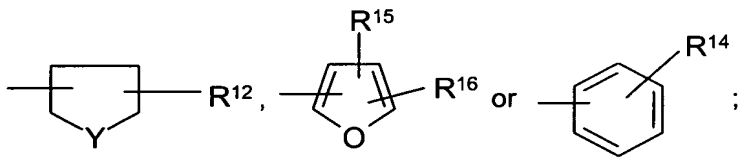

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R^{13} is C_1-C_6alkyl;

R^{14} is H; or C_1-C_6alkoxy; and

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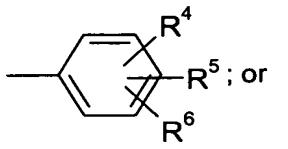
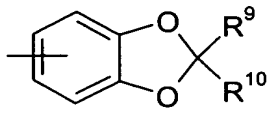
4. (original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1 wherein

R^1 is hal;  ; or 

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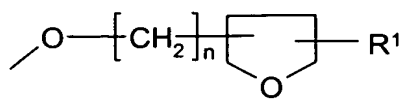
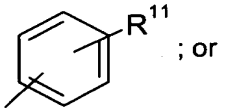
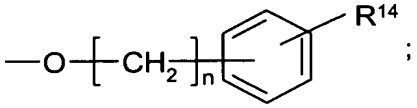
R^3 is C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxy or amino;

R^4 is H; hal; hydroxy; C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkyl; halogenoC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_3-C_7cycloalkylC_1-C_6alkoxy that may be substituted at the cycloalkyl residue by C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl; C_3-C_6alkenyloxy; $(C_1$-C_6alkyl$)_2$N-C_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfanyl; C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfanylC_1-C_6alkoxy,  ;  ; or

 ;

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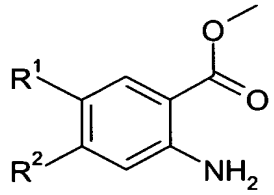
5. (currently amended) A compound of formula II

 (II)

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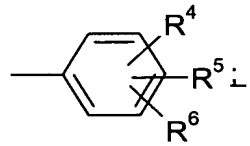
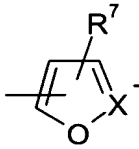
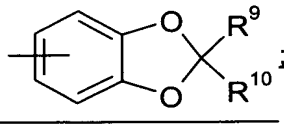
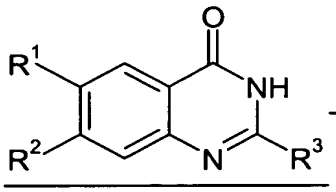
R^1 is hal;  ;  or  ; and

R^2 is hal; nitro; C_1-C_6alkylcarbonyl; C_1-C_6alkyl or C_3-C_6cycloalkyl ~~R^1 and R^2 are as defined in claim 1~~.

6. (currently amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I



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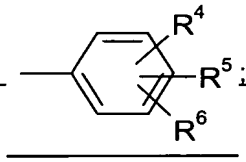
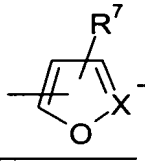
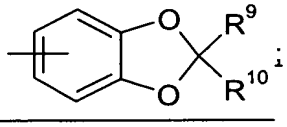
R^1 is hal;  ;  or  ;

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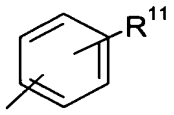
R^4 is H; hal; hydroxy; amino; C_1-C_6alkyl-amino, di(C_1-C_6alkyl)-amino, C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxy which is unsubstituted or mono-, di- or trisubstituted by halogen or hydroxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkyl; C_3-C_7cycloalkyl or C_3-C_7cycloalkylC_1-C_6alkoxy that may be substituted at the cycloalkyl residue by C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl; C_3-C_6alkenyloxy; (C_1-C_6alkyl)$_2$N-C_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfanyl; C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfanylC_1-C_6alkoxy,  or

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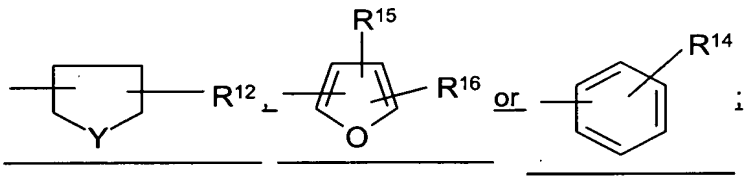

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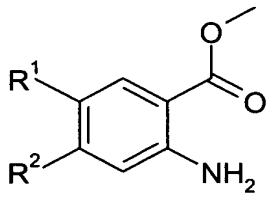
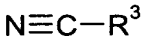


(II)

wherein

R^1 and R^2 are as defined above ~~in claim 1~~,

with a compound of formula III



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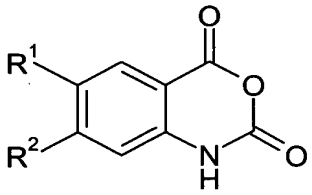
wherein R^3 is as defined in claim 1; or

b) for the production of a compound of formula I wherein R^3 is NH_2, reacting a compound of formula IV



(IV)

wherein R^1 and R^2 is as defined above ~~in claim 1~~,

with 2-ethyl-2-thiopseudourea hydrobromide;

and recovering the obtained compound, in free or in salt form.

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 4~~ in free base or pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt form, in association with a pharmaceutical carrier or diluent.

10. (canceled)

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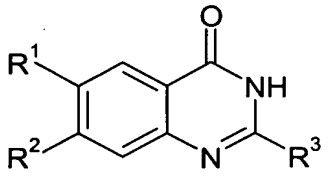
12. (original) A method for treating or preventing a disease or condition in which vanilloid receptor activation plays a role or is implicated comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a quinazolinone of formula I



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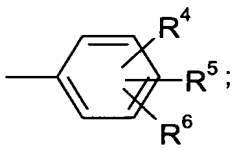
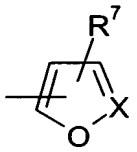
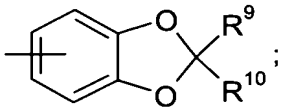
R^1 is hal;  ;  or  ;

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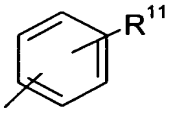
R^4 is H; hal; hydroxy; amino; C_1-C_6alkyl-amino, di(C_1-C_6alkyl)-amino, C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxy which is unsubstituted or mono-, di- or trisubstituted by halogen or hydroxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkyl; C_3-C_7cycloalkyl or C_3-C_7cycloalkylC_1-C_6alkoxy that may be substituted at the cycloalkyl residue by C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl; C_3-C_6alkenyloxy; (C_1-C_6alkyl)$_2$N-C_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfanyl; C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfanylC_1-C_6alkoxy,  or

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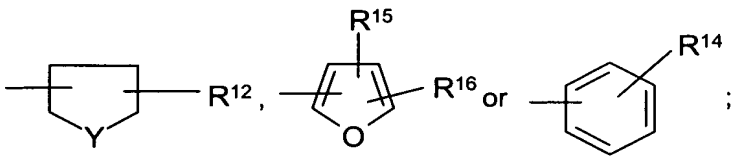

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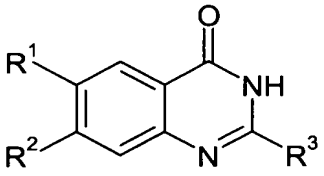

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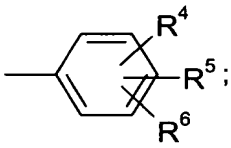
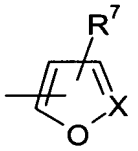
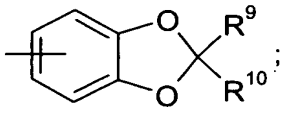
R^1 is hal;  ;  or  ;

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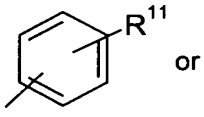
R^4 is H; hal; hydroxy; amino; C_1-C_6alkyl-amino, di(C_1-C_6alkyl)-amino, C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxy which is unsubstituted or mono-, di- or trisubstituted by halogen or hydroxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkoxyC_1-C_6alkyl; C_3-C_7cycloalkyl or C_3-C_7cycloalkylC_1-C_6alkoxy that may be substituted at the cycloalkyl residue by C_1-C_6alkyl; C_1-C_6alkoxycarbonyl; C_3-C_6alkenyloxy; (C_1-C_6alkyl)$_2$N-C_1-C_6alkoxy; C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfanyl; C_1-C_6alkyl-sulfanylC_1-C_6alkoxy,  or

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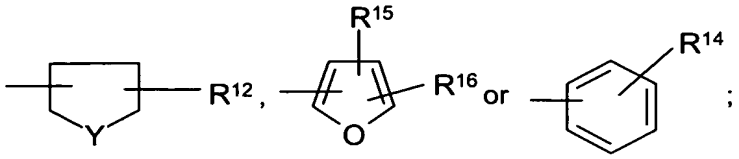

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